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Dear George:

We discussed briefly with you during your recent visit certain personnel problems which arise in connection with overseas support of Systems 1, 3, and 4, the several test sets, the data reduction equipment, and the various items of standard test equipment. The magnitude of the technical support problem may be estimated, in part at least, from a summary of the equipment which will ultimately be located at each overseas base. The types of equipment and number of units of each type are indicated in the following tabulation:

<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
System 1	8
System 1 Test Sets	2
Rambo Amplifiers	2
System 3	4
System 3 Test Sets	2
System 4	1
System 4 Test Sets	1
Data-Reduction Equip.	10 racks
Standard Test Equip.	75 units

It is probable that there will be some requirement for field modifications of certain items of equipment in addition to routine maintenance and test of the several basic systems. Our field people have reported, too, that some of the commercial test equipment has been in the field approximately one year, and is now beginning to require regular service to keep it functioning properly.

It is our belief that at least one engineer and four technicians are required at each site to handle the workload consisting of routine maintenance, preflight and postflight system tests, and such other work as the technical representatives are called upon to perform. You may recall that it was planned originally that our technical representatives would augment your own technical personnel, and that we trained approximately 30 people from your organization in the theory, structure and maintenance of one or more of the systems that we are supplying.

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For various reasons, it has not been feasible for your organization to assign as large a number of your technicians to actual overseas operations; for example, it is our understanding that only two of your personnel are available at Detachment A, none at Detachment B, and that only two are scheduled to accompany Detachment C. Obviously, this number of technicians, plus the number that we have supplied to date, will prove to be somewhat inadequate when all systems are in the field unless the scale of operations is never permitted to approach that originally contemplated.

We are reluctant for several reasons to suggest that we hire, train, and send overseas additional company technical representatives. In the first place, experience suggests that it would require not less than two months to secure adequate clearance to permit initiation of training of any new employees. Secondly, training of those personnel in the three systems that would be in the field would certainly require not less than three months. It appears, therefore, as though a minimum of five months of fairly extensive effort on the part of your security people and our instructors would be required to augment our own technical staff in the field. We question seriously the advisability of any such procedure in view of the probable termination of overseas operations by your organization during the latter part of this year.

The purpose of this letter is two-fold; firstly, we feel it essential to point out that inadequate field coverage by technical personnel seems rather inevitable unless some of your personnel could be assigned to assist during future operations, and secondly, that the time requirements for clearance and training of new personnel who might be employed by us make it improbable that they could be available at an early enough date to be truly effective in the program. This is not to say that we have any objections to providing additional personnel; we question whether such action could be justified in terms of the over-all project time scale.

We would like to be of maximum assistance to the project in support of its major operations in any way that we can, but we do not believe that the information presently at our disposal permits us to make a truly intelligent recommendation at this time with respect to the optimum means for providing complete field support. For this reason, we should like to inquire as to the desires of Project Headquarters, and to assure you that we will take steps to implement any actions which you believe should be taken.

Sincerely,

Burt

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